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ESTABLISHMENT OF SCIENCE PARK AT NCERT CAMPUS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council for Educational Research and Training had a plan to establish a Science Park at NCERT Campus, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost and purpose envisaged for the project; and

(d) the expenditure has since incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF.RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Science Park is a partof the programme for popularization of science being pursued by NCERTthrough many projects like science exhibitions, publication of books in new and applied areas of science, "Reading to Learn" etc. Visits of schools children will be arranged to give them opportunity to appreciate the role of science in daily life. The Park is an ongoing project in which the existing models will be improved upon and new models added from time to time and will also be useful for the visiting teachers and educational functionaries coming to participate in different NCERT programmes.

(c) & (d): The estimated budget for the current year is Rs. 2,57,800/-. The project aims at development of understanding ofbasic principles of science through working models, creation of awareness about the role of science and technology and demonstration of the application of scientific principles through interactive models. About one lakh rupee has been spent so far only on purchasing raw material for fabrication of the models installed in the past.